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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-9 (canceled)

- 10. (New) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition, which comprises:
- \geq 40% by weight of one or more effect pigments,
- 0.5 59.5% by weight of a styrene-modified polyacrylate having an acid number > 90
 mg KOH/g,
- 0.5 50% by weight of water and/or an organic solvent or solvent mixture,
- 0 10% by weight of a neutralizing agent, and
- 0 10% by weight of a modifying agent.
- 11. (New) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 10, wherein the effect pigment is a pearl luster pigment and/or an SiO₂ flake coated with one or more metal oxides.
- 12. (New) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 11, wherein the effect pigment is a pearl luster pigment of TiO₂ and/or Fe₂O₃ coated on mica.
- 13. (New) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to Claim 11, wherein the effect pigment is a pigment of SiO₂ flake coated with TiO₂ and/or Fe₂O₃.

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- 14. (New) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 10, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate is an α -methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.
- 15. (New) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 11, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate is an α -methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.
- 16. (New) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 12, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate is an α -methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.
- 17. (New) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 13, wherein the styrene-modified polyacrylate is an α -methylstyrene-modified polyacrylate.
- 18. (New) A non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition according to claim 10, which further comprises at least one: defoamer, surface-active substance, wetting agent, anti-settling agent, levelling agent, siccative or thixotropic agent.
- 19. (New) A dry material produced from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 10 by tabletting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized-bed granulating, granulating, spray-granulating or extruding the pigment composition,

optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent.

- 20. (New) A dry material produced from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 11 by tabletting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized-bed granulating, granulating, spray-granulating or extruding the pigment composition, optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent.
- 21. (New) A dry material produced from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 12 by tabletting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized-bed granulating, granulating, spray-granulating or extruding the pigment composition, optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent.
- 22. (New) A dry material produced from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 13 by tabletting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized-bed granulating, granulating, spray-granulating or extruding the pigment composition, optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent.
- 23. (New) A dry material produced from the non-dusting homogeneous pigment composition of claim 14 by tabletting, briquetting, pelletizing, fluidized-bed granulating, granulating, spray-granulating or extruding the pigment composition,

optionally in the presence of a solvent, and, optionally, freeing the dry material from the solvent.

24. (New) A paint, varnish, printing ink, plastic, automotive finish or powder coating composition, comprising a dry material according to claim 19.